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Outdoor Classrooms

Spring is here, and that means a carefully synchronized spectacle is occurring outside your window. Plants and trees are budding. Insects are hatching. Migratory birds are returning, in search of a good meal. And people all across the state are getting ready to haul out their spades and pruners for another season in the garden.

Tending a garden, a yard, or even a windowsill flower box can teach us a lot about our planet, and ourselves. When we farm, garden, or landscape a yard, we are shaping our natural world so that it might sustain us, whether for the body through growing food, or for the soul, through beautiful combinations of form, color, and line. The act of simply getting our hands dirty is often a revelation, connecting us more deeply to the land – and our role as caretakers of the environment.

For me, that's one of the most heartening parts of my job: seeing the wonder in children's – and even adult – faces as they catch their first glimpse of something as small as a slug in their community garden or as spectacular as the sweeping lawn of the Grand Allée at the Crane Estate.

But our job is about more than sharing the wonders of growing vegetables or the beauty of a designed landscape that intimately connects the outdoors and in. Just as our gardens and yards nurture and sustain us, we must make sure that our special places are cared for sustainably. Whether it's using organic fertilizer in your garden, eradicating harmful invasive species in your yard, or even rethinking what a lawn should look like, it's the care that we give our special places today that will ensure they are strong and healthy for tomorrow.

You can learn just some ways to care for your backyard sustainably at our exhibit at the Boston Flower and Garden Show this month (SEE BELOW). Stop by for organic gardening demonstrations, to enter our prize drawing, or to just say hello.

And this spring, dig in, get your hands dirty, feel the sun on your skin – whether it's at one of our special places or yours.

Andy Kendall
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ON THE COVER: At Weir River Farm in Hingham, kids learn lifetime lessons about the interconnectedness of life.

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A young child with short brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and denim overalls, is focused on digging in a garden. The child is holding a long-handled shovel with both hands, leaning forward. The garden is filled with lush green plants, including tall stalks and leafy vegetables. A wire mesh fence is visible in the background. On the ground near the child's feet, there is a small purple shovel and a rake. The word "Dig" is written in large, white, serif font on the right side of the image.

Dig

Get your knees dirty and your kids energized in the garden this spring

By Barbara Freeman

LET'S FACE IT: DIGGING IN THE DIRT with kids isn't always the easiest way to spend time with them. It sets you up for some pretty serious laundry issues. It puts you and the children face to face with creepy-crawlies. And it can mean devoting a portion of your yard, or your windowsills, to an endeavor that might not win you the curbside-appeal award.

So why bother? The answer is simple: Gardening teaches lessons that kids can't learn anywhere else. It's good for their minds and bodies. And it helps them draw the connections between the food they eat and the planet we all inhabit. Lessons learned in the garden, says Beth Zschau, educator at the Sedgwick Gardens at Long Hill, a Trustees reservation in Beverly, "carry through to caring for the environment, acting responsibly, and understanding our role as caretakers of the Earth."

◀ Long Hill Children's Garden, Beverly





Students at Ellis Elementary School in Roxbury, part of BNAN's SLUG program, plant bulbs in the fall.

Long Hill may be best known for its beautiful and elegant formal gardens, which have been a horticultural classroom for 60 years. But the reservation is also home to a children's garden with flowers, vegetables, blueberries, a digging space, and a child-sized potting bench. It's a place where parents, grandparents, and children come every day, throughout the growing season, to dig in the dirt together. Family programs there focus on discovery, with plenty of room for play. And that's the best thing of all about gardening: it's fun!

We all want to get our knees muddy once in a while, and helping our children tend plants, dig holes, or examine butterflies can be a chance to really let loose and enjoy the moment. For children, gardening offers a totally different kind of escape

from what school recess or video games or sports can provide – and the rewards are different, too.

PLANT A SEED, WATCH IT GROW

I have a photo of my now-grown children when Abbey was three and Zack five, in the pumpkin patch they (we) planted. They've plunked themselves on the ground, both with delighted smiles, pretty much hugging one of the larger fruits of their labors. Though they're in their twenties now, it remains one of my favorite photos.

Kids are justifiably proud, and eager to partake, when their efforts in the garden pay off. I knew a little boy who existed almost entirely on peanut butter and crackers until his parents helped him plant a small garden. Before long, he was proudly munching on greens and other produce he'd grown. Meg Connolly, Trustees educator at Weir River Farm in Hingham, has seen the same phenomenon again and again.

Connolly says parents are "amazed when their children come home with dirty snap peas squirreled into their

lunch bag or a half-chewed raw onion. They of course want to know how it is that they will magically eat veggies out of the garden, but not ones from the supermarket. I know that there is really nothing magic to it. The children feel pride in growing something themselves."

This year, Weir River celebrated the first successful season of its two-acre market garden, thanks in large part to families who volunteered to help. On a special plot set aside for children, Connolly and others teach young visitors about the interconnectedness of life. "They see that the manure that they clean out of the stalls nourishes the soil that we plant in. They help collect weeds to feed to the chickens, to produce more manure. They eat the vegetables to power their bodies to do the work to care for the animals and the garden. It may seem like such a small lesson, but to really understand and appreciate their role in the world, children need to see that as humans we are but one part of a larger picture."

Gardening can teach more formal lessons too. Planning a garden plot encourages abstract thinking. Reading seed packets or plant tags and following



directions improves language ability; younger children learn to associate pictures with what they're growing. Spending time close to the ground even demystifies some of those aforementioned creepy-crawlies.

Some programs even use gardening to complement conventional schooling. Students Learning through Urban Gardening (SLUG) is a program launched in 2007 by the Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN) that works with elementary-school students and teachers in the city's public schools. BNAN provides training, materials, and support for growing vegetables from seed during the school year. "The activities enhance lesson plans and become additional tools for teachers to meet learning standards in science, math, and the language arts," says Jo Ann Whitehead of BNAN. Whitehead says one teacher reported that "the reason why kids enjoy SLUG so much is because it's better than pencil and paper. They connect with the outside when all five senses are involved."

SOW...HOW DO I START?

It's never too soon, or too late. Some of my earliest memories are of watching my father, an avid and expert gardener, plant and tend his gardens. When I was a little older, I was given the task of

Simply take a child by the hand, lead that child to the garden, and dig in!

watering the flowerboxes and borders. Then, when I was finally included in the selection and "offered" the task of planting some annuals, I knew I'd really made it.

You can gear your activities to your child's age, interests, and abilities. Just be aware that you might have to do a bit of convincing at the outset – like Tom Sawyer convincing his pals to paint that fence. Make a potential chore seem fun, then make sure it is fun.

Stick toothpicks in all four sides of an avocado pit and then let a child suspend it over the edge of a glass. Keep the glass filled to the point where it just touches the bottom of the seed. Soon, roots will form, the seed will crack open (how dramatic!), and leaves will start to emerge. This is the stuff of magic for children.

In the winter months, nestle a handful of bulbs onto a bed of glass pebbles in a clear container. Before long, the papery bulbs will send out chunky roots and tall leaves. When they finally produce brilliant and aromatic flowers, your whole family can marvel at nature's wonders.



No garden? No problem!

So you don't have a garden of your own? Beth Zschau, educator at The Trustees' Long Hill reservation in Beverly, has many suggestions for getting kids interested in other ways:

- Make a terrarium.
- Visit public gardens, community gardens, parks, and pick-your-own farms near you.
- Join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.
- Grow plants in containers.
- Help with a school garden or plantings along a highway.
- Start seeds indoors and then plant them outdoors or in a windowsill container.
- Take a hike to look for wildflowers.

◀ Students in BNAN's SLUG program enjoy tracking the progress of their plants at the James Otis School in East Boston. The students nurture seedlings under grow lights during the school year.



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Garden Harvest

SATURDAY JULY 18



Kids get hands-on experience growing food through programs at Weir River Farm in Hingham and Appleton Farms (pictured here) in Hamilton & Ipswich.

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At the gardens where I work, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, we often help children start vegetable and flower patches. One of our most-popular ploys is handing each child a roll of toilet paper with instructions to stretch it out on the ground where the seeds will be planted. It's practical because it allows these young gardeners to see the seeds and get them in fairly straight rows before they sprinkle on a covering of soil, but of course it also makes them giggle. And giggling gardeners are enthusiastic gardeners.

Even if you don't have a garden of your own, you can still get your children excited. As Long Hill's Zschau says, "Simple lessons are learned by garden-
ing on the kitchen windowsill, the apartment balcony, or in the community garden. The importance of soil and compost, the water cycle, and the

greenhouse effect are all demonstrable in very simple, easy-to-understand ways." (SEE SIDEBAR ON PAGE 5 FOR MORE IDEAS ON GETTING STARTED.)

Anyone who gardens knows that watching something grow – something you started from seed or seedling – is one of life's great pleasures. Watching children experience that joy is better still. And knowing that they'll carry that feeling and knowledge with them for years to come, perhaps passing it on to their own children, is what makes us get down on our hands and knees with trowel in hand and point them in the right direction.

My advice: Simply take a child by the hand, lead that child to the garden, and dig in!

Barbara Freeman is the author of The Spare-Time Gardener and director of communications at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay.

Acres of fun for the whole family

Looking for a gardening adventure this summer? These Trustees reservations offer children's gardens and family programming.

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM

This family-friendly 75-acre working farm will enthrall visitors with its own "family" of horses and cows, chickens and sheep. You can visit the barnyard, volunteer in the market garden, or wander a garden path within a grove. Bordered by flowering shrubs and flowers, the path creates a serene and pretty sanctuary for visitors.

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH & HAMILTON

Rolling grasslands, grazing livestock, stone walls, historic farm buildings – 1,000-acre Appleton Farms offers a rare glimpse into New England's agricultural past. This working farm includes a 500-member Community Supported Agriculture program. The Farm Field School immerses kids and families in real farm work, from planting and harvesting the fields to meeting the dairy cows, and more.

POWISSET FARM, DOVER

At this 110-acre farm, which includes a 250-member Community Supported Agriculture program, families can hike our fields, enjoy a picnic, or pick flowers and herbs from our pick-your-own-gardens.



Weir River Farm, Hingham

LONG HILL, BEVERLY

This 114-acre hillside property is home to renowned gardens laid out in a series of distinct "rooms." The gardens are flanked on all sides by more than 100 acres of woodland as well as an apple orchard, meadow, children's garden, and agricultural fields, including a two-acre organic vegetable farm run by The Food Project. The Long Hill Horticultural Center offers frequent family events including children's gardening workshops.


BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK COMMUNITY GARDENS (BNAN)

BNAN helps coordinate activities related to all of the Boston area's community and school gardens, in addition to owning 40 gardens themselves. Community gardens are communally cultivated and cared for, providing a unique opportunity for families and neighbors to work together to nourish themselves and their communities.

A Grand Undertaking

Restoring the Crane Estate Allée to its original design

By April Austin



FEW LANDSCAPES POSSESS THE SHEER DRAMA OF THE Grand Allée on Castle Hill at the Crane Estate in Ipswich. A vast carpet of lawn bordered on both sides by evergreens, the Allée flows toward bluffs overlooking Crane Beach and the open sea beyond. Measuring 2,060 feet long – about five and a half football fields – and 100 feet wide across its grassy middle, this beloved avenue provides a breathtaking natural transition between the stately Crane mansion and its wild ocean vistas.

But the Allée is not what it once was. Nearly 100 years after their planting, the trees are showing their age. A Nor'easter in 2007 brought down two dozen trees, leaving gaps in the rows like missing teeth, and continued exposure to harsh New England

weather has weakened many more. The mature height of the remaining trees, which were meant to serve as a hedge, have diminished the grandeur of the original design, and obscured not only natural features, but also the classical-style sculptures so prized by Mrs. Crane and generations of visitors.

This is not the sweeping grassy mall laid out by famed landscape architect Arthur Shurcliff from 1913 to 1915. And the trees, reaching the end of their lifespan, can no longer be improved by pruning. So The Trustees of Reservations, who have cared for Castle Hill, a National Historic Landmark, for more than 50 years, have launched an effort to restore the Allée to its original glory.



c. 1930

From 1913 to 1915, landscape designer Arthur Shurcliff laid out and planted what would become the Grand Allée. But it would be 15 years before the Allée's plantings grew to fulfill Shurcliff's vision: a brilliant ribbon of rolling greensward connecting the house (in 1926, the original Italian villa was replaced by the Stuart-style mansion you see today) to the wild ocean vistas beyond. © TTOR ARCHIVES

A Vision Re-Realized

The Grand Allée came about at a particular moment in landscape history. In the early 20th century, wealthy Americans, including the Vanderbilts and Rockefellers, built lavish estates and summer retreats. Richard T. Crane, Jr., had made his fortune in the manufacture of plumbing and industrial supplies, and his family was eager to assume the social and philanthropic duties that came with great wealth. The Cranes purchased land on the North Shore of Boston, which had become a summer resort for the wealthy, to create a place where they could entertain friends and escape stifling Chicago summers.

Well-to-do Americans of that era often traveled to Europe, returning home with elaborate designs in mind, in particular, the park-like grounds of English manor houses and the manicured gardens of Italy and France. Architects and landscape designers were increasingly called upon to recreate the Italian style for their well-heeled clients, including the Cranes, whose first house atop Castle Hill was an Italian-style villa. The Cranes engaged Frederick Law Olmsted's sons, who had taken over their father's famous landscape firm and established a national reputation of their own, to create its gardens.

Landscape historian and Allée project designer Lucinda Brockway of Past Designs, who conducted extensive research on Castle Hill's landscapes, says Olmsted's sons were as adept at designing open parkland – their father's legacy – as they were at fashioning Italianate gardens. Their formal Italian Garden became a highlight of the estate, but Mrs. Crane was less satisfied with their proposal for a large lawn off the north terrace area.

In 1913, another landscape architect emerged serendipitously on the scene: Arthur Shurcliff, an Ipswich neighbor. He was brought in to consult on the complex drainage and irrigation system being installed on the then 1,380-acre estate. Although he had trained with Olmsted Sr., Shurcliff was sympathetic to Mrs.

Crane's desire for an Italian-style feature that would link the house to the sea. He suggested a mall – a grassy expanse bordered by trees, says Brockway. Several such malls existed in Italy, including at the Villa Borghese and the Boboli Gardens, both of which would have been familiar to Shurcliff.

Shurcliff's brilliance shows in the deceptively simple arrangement he devised, a design that took ten years to mature to its ideal height. Shurcliff chose trees that grew well in this part of the country: The inner hedge was Norway spruce, sheared to a height of 12 to 15 feet to provide a green-curtained backdrop to the classical sculpture. The hedge was backed by a row of white pine, and the last 500 feet were edged with red cedar.

The resulting grand avenue, or greensward, is unique in American landscape design. While other estates of the so-called Country Place era boasted similar features, none approaches the size or scale of that at the Crane Estate, according to Brockway. It is also the largest surviving example of Shurcliff's work in the Italian style. (Shurcliff is today best known for his Colonial revival gardens at Old Sturbridge Village and Williamsburg.)

The renovation now underway will restore the original dimensions of the Allée, revealing the architect's original patterns and intentions. "Our plan preserves the integrity of Shurcliff's design," says Castle Hill superintendent Bob Murray, who is overseeing the work. Murray knows how important it is to ensure the continuity of the picturesque qualities of the Estate, so popular for concerts, weddings, tours, and other events.

The project has also created a unique opportunity for The Trustees to revitalize a cavernous underground cistern and rainwater harvesting system, part of the Crane Estate's original, self-sustaining infrastructure. This system will meet all of the irrigation needs of the project, creatively supporting the Allée's environment now and into the future.

Water conservation is just one way. The Trustees are working to care for this landscape in as "green" a way as possible.



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Nearly 100 years later, the trees along the Allée have outgrown Shurcliff's design, dramatically reducing the breadth of the view. You can no longer see the hedgerows or classical sculptures that line its edges. The overmature trees have also become weak from years of exposure to harsh coastal weather (nearly two dozen trees were blown down by a Nor'easter in 2007). © LUCINDA BROCKWAY, PAST DESIGNS LLC



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Over the next three years, the overgrown trees will be carefully removed and recycled, and new trees will be planted. Within 10 years, a visitor to the Crane Estate will once again be able to take in the elegant, sweeping views along the rolling Allée, just as the Cranes and their guests did nearly a century ago. © ILLUSTRATIONS PREPARED BY JOHN GUTWIN OF PEPPERCHROME

"We're managing the soils very carefully and choosing trees and other plant material that are well suited to the harsh weather conditions here," Murray says. With such a massive undertaking on a property of national significance, he continues, "we recognize that this project can serve as a wonderful example of how to manage the care of historic landscapes sustainably."

Murray realizes that some visitors may prefer the look of the Allée's windswept, mature trees. But, he says, while the project will restore Shurcliff's original vision, the plan is also a practical decision, one made with the health of the trees and the integrity of the landscape uppermost in mind.

What You'll See, and When

The Allée project – for which The Trustees expect to raise \$1,000,000 with an equal match from an anonymous donor, which will help offset costs of long-term care – will be completed in three phases over three years. Each phase will involve the removal and replanting of a section of trees, starting near the house and moving outward.

Phase One began this winter, taking advantage of the frozen ground to minimize soil disturbance. A crane has carefully plucked out individual trees between the house and the buildings known as the Casino, cutting them into logs and sending them to a mill in Essex for lumber. The remainder of the trees will be chipped and composted, and eventually returned to the property to enrich the soil. "Nothing will go to waste," says Murray. A shipbuilder has even expressed interest in several specific trees.

This summer, visitors should see a replanted stand of 6- to 7-foot-tall Norway spruce, backed by a stand of 7- to 8-foot-tall white pine.

As they gaze at this work in progress, visitors might find themselves appreciating Shurcliff's skill and vision more than ever. They might see the stretch of young trees and marvel at the foresight of a landscape architect who could imagine their extraordinary effect, and at a whole new perspective on a beloved place.

April Austin is pursuing a certificate in landscape design history at The Landscape Institute. She spent 20 years as an editor and writer for The Christian Science Monitor, focusing on the arts, architecture, and gardening.

How Will Your Garden Grow?

To be better caretakers of our environment, some gardeners are modifying their methods

IN A WORLD THAT'S EMBRACED THE "GO GREEN" MANTRA, more and more growers are turning to sustainable practices to make their gardens – and lawns – thrive. The methods may seem like good old common sense, but the surge of interest in tending our yards in ways that are friendly to the environment – and ourselves – is today bearing delicious fruit, nutritious vegetables, and beautiful flowers. And it could have a profound impact on the health of our landscapes tomorrow.

The key to organic gardening is to "feed your soil so your soil can feed your plants," says Barbara Dombrowski of Goose Cove Gardens in Gloucester, where she has been selling organically grown herbs, flowers, and vegetables since 1991. "You want a busy garden with insects, worms, and all the microorganisms that naturally occur in soil." Chemical fertilizers kill the very things that help your plants flourish, creating a cycle in which the plants become dependent on the chemicals to grow.

If you're thinking about switching your garden to organic methods, be prepared to be patient. "It can take three years to bring the soil back to full health," Dombrowski says. But it can be done. "Do a soil test, use organic fertilizer and compost. Your garden may not be as spectacular in year one as year three, but it won't fail."

Dan Bouchard, superintendent and horticulturalist at the Sedgwick Gardens at Long Hill in Beverly, agrees. Like Dombrowski, Bouchard uses organic fertilizer and compost to tend this nearly 100-year-old garden. And, instead of using

bark mulch, which comes from another site or even another state, Bouchard says, "we shred all of the leaves that fall from the trees here and reuse them in the garden."

Bouchard has also been leading a ten-year battle to rid the Sedgwick Gardens of harmful invasive species, which "jump the fence," invading wildlife habitat and reducing biodiversity – which puts stress on a landscape and degrades its overall health. It's hard work, especially when chemicals aren't an option. "We hold hand-weeding parties with volunteers, and have enlisted the help of students from the horticultural program at North Shore Community College," says Bouchard.

The invasive species growing at Long Hill – such as Japanese barberry, burning bush, and garlic mustard – are plants that many of us take for granted because they have become so common. "They were introduced years ago for their medicinal or ornamental value," Bouchard says. "But people had no idea how pervasive and harmful these plants could become in different climates." They have even been banned from being sold or propagated in Massachusetts. Fighting invasives has become a statewide priority for The Trustees, who have launched a "Least Wanted" campaign in the Highlands to educate communities about the most destructive invasive plants, and work with volunteers at reservations from the Berkshires to the Islands to eradicate plant populations.

The same invasives that The Trustees are battling can be found in backyards across Massachusetts. "Plants like Japanese barberry are attractive in a yard because they provide great color," says Bouchard. But you can find native replacements. "High-bush blueberry, for example, is a great alternative to Japanese barberry," Bouchard says. "It's beautiful in all seasons, and it provides delicious berries for you and for wildlife." It can take several years to fully stamp out invasives in your yard, so persistence is a must. But your local environment will thank you with a greater mix of wildlife and biodiversity, which makes the entire landscape healthier.

Homeowners who want to care for their yards more sustainably can also look beyond the traditional American lawn, which "requires water, gas, and chemicals to upkeep," says Ellen Schoenfeld, a Trustees volunteer who converted part of her own lawn in Sharon to a wildflower meadow. "You can save yourself a lot of work – and save resources, too – by letting your lawn grow wild, or replacing it with groundcover, trees, or a garden."

It's something The Trustees have been thinking a lot about, as they strive to reduce the amount of manicured lawns they manage at their 101 reservations by 50 percent. Taking these concepts from the backyard to a landscape level can be challenging, so The Trustees are starting small, converting some manicured lawns into meadow at Moose Hill Farm and the Archives and Research Center in Sharon, and Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster.

Converting lawns to meadow can provide better habitat for birds, wildlife, and native pollinators.

"It's a multi-year experiment on a modest scale," says Russ Hopping, Ecology Program Manager. "Converting to meadow can provide better habitat for birds, wildlife, and native pollinators. Plus, we'll reduce our carbon footprint by mowing less, and save water." Hopping also expects these efforts to open conversations with visitors about why the fields look the way they do, what's at stake, and what people can do at their own homes.

These growing practices are not only better for the environment today, but they can help create a stronger, more resilient landscape in the future, one that can better withstand the grave stresses climate change will place on Massachusetts landscapes, a major goal for The Trustees. Warmer temperatures are already disrupting native species (trees including sugar maple are shifting their range northward) and fostering more invasives (kudzu has ventured from the south into New England). Pests and diseases, including the hemlock-attacking woolly adelgid, are thriving in part due to milder winters.

"The health of a landscape is key to its ability to fight – or adapt to – the impacts of climate change," says Hopping. Our gardens and backyards are a small part of the world beyond our boundaries – but, says Hopping, "together we can make a big difference in ensuring a more healthy environment for tomorrow."

Laurie O'Reilly is Marketing & Membership Director for The Trustees of Reservations.

Want more advice on how to make your garden green?
Go online to www.thetrustees.org/greenbackyard to find:

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Sunday, April 25 | 10AM — 12NOON

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600

Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$7. Please pre-register.

Wildflower Walk at Field Farm

Sunday, May 2 | 1 — 3PM

FIELD FARM, WILLIAMSTOWN 413.298.3239 x3003

FREE.

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk & Tea

Sunday, May 9 | 10AM — 12NOON

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600

Members: Adult/Child \$4; Family \$10.

Nonmembers: Adult/Child \$6; Family \$15.

Please pre-register.

NEW: Tree Peony Preview

Saturday, May 22 — Monday, May 31

10AM — 5PM

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$15;

Child FREE.

Grace Greylock Niles Day: Guided Walk

Saturday, June 5 | 10AM — 12NOON

MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRESERVE, POWNAL, VT

413.298.3239 x3003

FREE.

Seeds and Weeds: Children's Garden

Saturdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26

11AM — 12NOON

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239 x3007

Members: Adult FREE; Child \$10/series.

Nonmembers: Adult FREE; Child \$20/series.

HOUSE & GARDEN TOURS

A View, a House, & Seven Gardens

Guided Tours

Daily, May 22 — October 11 | 10AM — 5PM

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$15;

Child FREE.

Mohicans & Missionaries Guided Tours: Opening Weekend

Saturday — Monday, May 29 — 31

10AM — 5PM

MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$6; Child FREE.

Stories of Freedom Guided Tours: Opening Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, May 29 — 30

10AM — 5PM

ASHLEY HOUSE, SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child FREE.



Land of Providence Opening Celebration

Saturday, May 1 | 1 — 3PM

LAND OF PROVIDENCE RESERVATION, HOLYOKE

413.532.1631 x13 PVREGION@TTOR.ORG

Join us for the public opening of our newest reservation in Holyoke! Learn more about local community programming on the land and explore the Connecticut River views while enjoying food, friends, and a very special place. Please pre-register.

PIONEER VALLEY



Your Land, Your Choices... Your Wallet

Wednesday, March 31 | 7 — 9PM

STANTON HALL, HUNTINGTON 413.268.8219

Call for more information and to pre-register.

Footsteps and Footholds at Chapel Brook

Saturday, April 24 | 9AM — 1PM

CHAPEL BROOK RESERVATION, ASHFIELD

413.532.1631 x13 PVREGION@TTOR.ORG

FREE. Please pre-register.

Dig and Digest Garlic Mustard

Saturday, May 8 | 9:30AM — 12NOON

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.268.8219

Call for more information and to preregister.
FREE.

Massachusetts Butterfly Club Outing
Friday, May 14 | 10:30AM – 12:30PM
DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS RESERVATION, HOLYOKE
413.532.1631 x13 PVREGION@TTOR.ORG
FREE. Please pre-register.

Happy Trails: DCR Trail Training
Saturday, May 15 | 8:30AM – 5PM
SANDERSON ACADEMY, ASHFIELD
Free. Call 413.268.8219 for more information
and to pre-register.

Managing Land for Climate
Change: Field Management
Saturday, June 5 | 6AM – 12NOON
NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413.268.8219
Call for more information and to pre-register.

Wet and Wiggly: Pond Exploration
Saturday, June 5 | 10AM – 12NOON
PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: suggested
donation is \$5. Please pre-register.

Holyoke Get Outdoors Day
Saturday, June 12 | 1 – 4PM
LAND OF PROVIDENCE RESERVATION, HOLYOKE
413.532.1631 x13 PVREGION@TTOR.ORG
FREE.

CENTRAL REGION

Fairy House Tour
Saturday, May 1 | 10AM – 1PM
PIERCE PARK, DOYLE RESERVATION, LEOMINSTER
978.840.4446 x1913
FREE.

GREATER BOSTON

Including Boston Natural
Areas Network (BNAN)

Birds and the Bees at Powisset Farm
Saturday, April 3 | 10AM – 12NOON
POWISSET FARM, DOVER 508.785.0339
Pre-registration is required. For a birdhouse of
your own: Members \$7; Nonmembers \$14.

Green Dogs Hound Hike
First Saturdays, April 3, May 1, June 5
8 – 9:30AM or 1:30 – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508.785.0339
Find more about Green Dogs at
www.thetrustees.org. Pre-registration is required.
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$4. FREE Green
Dog Day Pass.

Spring Canoe Tour
Saturday, April 10 | 10AM – 2PM
ROCKY NARROWS, SHERBORN 508.785.0339
FREE with your own boat. Rentals available for
\$20/boat, including life jackets and paddles. Please
pre-register by emailing acostello84@comcast.net.

April Vacation Open Barnyard
Friday, April 23 | 12NOON – 2PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3 per person.

April Vacation Farm Hands Program
Tuesday, April 20 – Thursday, April 22
Ages 6 – 9 | 9AM – 12NOON
Ages 10 – 12 | 1 – 4PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796
Please pre-register at above number.
Members: \$85. Nonmembers: \$108

Hike of the Month Club
Fourth Sundays, April 25, May 23, June 27
1 – 3PM
LOCATIONS VARY, CHARLES RIVER VALLEY
508.785.0339
FREE. (Volunteers welcome)

Charles River Canoe Tours
Saturdays and Sundays, May through
October | 9AM – 1PM; 2 – 3:30PM
MILLIS, MEDFIELD, DOVER, SHERBORN, NEEDHAM
508.785.0339 CHARLESRIVERVALLEY@TTOR.ORG
Please pre-register. Child rate for age 15 and under.

4-hour tour | Members: Adult \$30; Child \$15.
Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Child \$20.

1.5-hour tour | Members: Adult \$10; Child \$5.
Nonmembers: Adult \$20; Child \$5

Open Barnyard at Weir River Farm
Saturdays, May – October | 10AM – 2PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3 per person.

Volunteer

When you volunteer with The Trustees,
you're not only helping us care for special
places across the state, you're making a
difference to your community and to your
neighbors. So get out and get involved.

BERKSHIRES

Woodland Wildflower Preview
& Call for Volunteers
Thursday, March 18 | 7 – 8PM
MASON LIBRARY, MAIN ST, GT BARRINGTON
413.298.3239 x3003
FREE.

Talking History and Taking Tea
MISSION HOUSE OFFICE, STOCKBRIDGE
413.298.3239 x3013
Join Trustees staff for a series on our historic
houses in Stockbridge and learn about opportunities
for volunteers. FREE. Please pre-register

Mission and Mohicans
Thursday, March 25 | 10:30AM – 12NOON

Behind the Scenes with
the Curator
Wednesday, March 31
10:30AM – 12NOON

Restoring the Mission House
Gardens
Tuesday, April 13 | 10:30AM – 12NOON

Field Farm Trail &
Garden Volunteers
Wednesdays, June – September
10:30AM – 12NOON
FIELD FARM, WILLIAMSTOWN 413.298.3239 x3007
Please call in advance for information. FREE.

Naumkeag Garden Volunteers
Tuesdays, June – September
10:30AM – 12NOON
NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239 x3007
Please call in advance for information. FREE.

Bartholomew's Cobble
Eco-volunteers
Thursdays, April – October | 9AM – 12NOON
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600
Please call in advance for information. FREE.

Cobble Spring Clean-Up & Pizza
Saturday, April 10 | 9AM – 1PM
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600
Please call in advance for information. FREE

Reservations Open for
Tully Lake Campground
Monday, March 15 | 9AM – 5PM (online
reservations will be available 24 hours/day)
TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON
978.749.4952
www.tullylakecampground.org

Outdoor Story Hour

Wednesdays throughout summer
starting on June 2 | 10 – 11AM

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3 per person.

Celebration of Spring

Saturday, May 1 | 10AM – 2PM

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3 per person.

May Day

Sunday, May 2 | 1 – 3PM

ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508.785.0339

FREE.

Ecosplorations Afterschool Program

Ages 5 – 6: Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26,
June 2 | 3:30 – 5PM

Ages 7 – 10: Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25,
June 1 | 3:30 – 5PM

WORLD'S END, WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM
781.740.4796

Please pre-register by calling above number.

Members: \$48. Nonmembers: \$60.

Powisset Farm Spring Fest

Saturday, May 22 | 1 – 4PM

POWISSET FARM, DOVER 508.785.0339

Members: Individual \$4; Family \$10.

Nonmembers: Individual \$5; Family \$12.

The Old Manse

269 MONUMENT AVENUE, CONCORD
978.369.3909, OLDMANSE@TTOR.ORG

Join us this spring at the Old Manse
for a tour, a special event, or simply
to enjoy some music by the river. Call
for programmatic details and times.



REVOLUTION AND RESIDENTS MONTH

Spring Celebration

Friday – Sunday, April 2 – 4

Special tours and more! Members: \$10.
Nonmembers: \$12.

Concord Residents' and Neighbors' Open House

Saturday, April 11

All current residents of Concord, Lincoln,
Carlisle, Bedford, Sudbury, and Acton are
invited to visit the house free of charge!

Patriots' Day Weekend

Saturday – Monday, April 17 – 19

The Manse is the perfect spot to take in
all Patriots' Day Weekend festivities at and
adjacent to the Old North Bridge.

Tours in partnership with Concord's Colonial Inn

Sunday, May 9

For every Mother's Day luncheon purchased
at the Colonial Inn, you'll receive a 50%
discount off of a regular house tour.

Gardening Tour and Talk

Saturday & Sunday, May 22 & 23

Visit Thoreau's garden, currently tended by
our partners Gaining Ground, to learn about
historic gardening techniques, and more.
Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$12.

WRITERS, RIVERS, AND REVELERS MONTH

National Hawthorne Society Summer Meeting

Thursday – Sunday, June 10 – 13

Programs and tours available in conjunction
with the Society's seminars "Hawthorne in
Concord: Eden and Beyond."

Riverfest 2010

Saturday & Sunday, June 12 & 13

Call or go online for details.

Father's Day at the Manse

Sunday, June 20

Fathers are admitted free for a standard tour, or,
join a special father-focused tour at 3PM and 5PM.

Summer Solstice Reveling

Monday, June 21 | 6:30PM

Launch your own canoe, rowboat, or kayak for
an illuminated flotilla up the Concord River.

MOMS' MONTH

Book and Membership Gift Day

Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3

Save 25% on all books, and a Trustees
membership, too!

Mother's Day at the Manse

Saturday & Sunday, May 8 & 9

Explore the roles of the mothers who lived at
the Manse. Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$12.
FREE for Moms who are Trustees members.

Boston Scottish Fiddle Club

Sunday, May 9 | 2 – 4PM

This concert kicks off the 2010 Music at the
Manse outdoor summer concert series.



Arbor Day Celebrations

This April, we're partnering with the
Massachusetts Arborists Association for
a special workday at reservations across
the state. You'll discover the vital role that
trees play in our daily lives as you prune,
clear invasives, plant trees, and more.

Spring Family Outings

Ages 2 – 3: Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26,
June 2 | 10 – 11:30AM

Ages 4 – 5: Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25,
June 1 | 10 – 11:30AM

WORLD'S END, WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM,
NORRIS RESERVATION, NORWELL 781.740.4796
Please pre-register. Members: \$48.
Nonmembers: \$60.

Spring Perennial Divide & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 22 | 10AM – 2PM

CITY NATIVES, 30 EDGEWATER DRIVE, MATTAPAN
Visit www.bostonnatural.org for details.

Kayak World's End

Trips departing daily, starting June

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.6665

Members: Adult \$30; Children under 15: \$15.

Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Children under 15: \$20.

Family Paddle and Overnight on the Charles

Saturday – Sunday, June 5 – 6

ROCKY NARROWS, SHERBORN 508.785.0339
CHARLESRIVERVALLEY@TTOR.ORG

Members: Adult \$45; Child \$25. Nonmembers:
Adult \$55; Child \$35. Please pre-register.

World's End Rocks – Geology of World's End

Saturday, June 19 | 9 – 11AM

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 20)

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.6665

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Admission to
World's End.

Friday, April 30 | 8AM – 4PM
APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON
 978.356.5728 x15
 Join us for an hour or the whole day!
 Recommended for groups (businesses, schools,
 etc.) Call for details and to sign up! **FREE.**

Friday, April 30
EASTOVER RESERVATION, ROCHESTER
 508.679.2115 x11
 Join professional arborists to assist with the
 pruning and care of the iconic sugar maples
 along Mary's Pond Road. **FREE.**

Saturday, May 1 | 1 – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508.785.0339
 Join us with your elementary school-aged
 children for an afternoon of fun outdoors.
 Members: \$2. Nonmembers \$6 (includes
 admission). Children 12 and under: **FREE.**

For the most up-to-date list of Arbor Day
 Celebrations, visit www.thetrustees.org/arborday.

NORTHEAST REGION

Appleton Farms

IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978.356.5728 x15

**SUMMER PROGRAM & SERVICE
 LEARNING REGISTRATION BEGINS**
 Contact Appleton Farms for program information
 and registration by calling 978.356.5728 x15 or
 emailing hhannaway@ttor.org.

Farm & Forest Explorers

Ages 6 – 8: July 6 – 8 | 9AM – 1:30PM
Ages 9 – 11: July 20 – 22 | 9AM – 1:30PM
Ages 5 – 6: August 3 – 5 | 9AM – 1:30PM
Ages 7 – 9: August 17 – 19 | 9AM – 1:30PM
 Members: \$90. Nonmembers: \$120.
 Registration available online. Space is limited.

Farm Stewards in Training

**Ages 15 – 17: July & August, Monday
 through Friday | 8:30AM – 4:30PM**
 Call the farm for program details and an
 application. Interested applicants must
 commit to at least 2 weeks. **FREE.**

The Flower Project

**Ages 15 – 17: Mondays & Fridays, June,
 July & August | 9AM – 12NOON**
FREE.

The Farm Field School in Spring
 Please pre-register for all programs. Online:
www.thetrustees.org; Call: 978.356.5728 x15;
 Email: hhannaway@ttor.org.

FOR ALL AGES

Sugar Maple 101

Tuesday, March 16 | 3:30 – 5PM
 Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$8.

Meet the Cows

Thursday, April 22 | 3 – 4:15PM
Saturdays, May 15, June 19 | 3 – 4:15PM
 Ages 5 and up. Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$8.

FOR CHILDREN

Mini-Moo's

**Tuesdays, March 9, April 6, May 4
 3:30 – 4:30PM**
 (Ages 2 – 5 with accompanying adult)
 Members: \$8. Nonmembers: \$10. Fee
 includes adult and child. Please pre-register.

Farm Fiddleheads

**Ages 3 – 4 with adult: five Wednesdays,
 May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9 | 10 – 11:30AM**
**Ages 4 – 5 with adult: five Thursdays,
 May 13, 20, 27; June 3, June 10
 10 – 11:30AM**
 Members: \$50. Nonmembers: \$60. Fee
 includes adult and child. Please pre-register.

FOR YOUTH

Young Farmers

**Ages 8 – 10: five Tuesdays, May 11, 18, 25,
 June 1, 8 | 4 – 5:30PM**
 Members: \$72 per session.
 Nonmembers: \$90 per session.

FOR ADULTS

The Birds of Appleton Farms Grass Rides

Thursday, May 6 | 8:30 – 11AM
 Pre-registration required with Joppa Flats,
 978.462.9998. Members: \$15. Nonmembers: \$20.

Farmstead & Old House Tour

Sundays, April 11, May 9, June 6 | 3 – 5PM
 Members: **FREE.** Nonmembers: \$5.
 Minimum age is 8 (16 without adult).

Evening Birding Ramble

Tuesday, May 11 | 5 – 7PM
 APPLETON FARMS GRASS RIDES
 IPSWICH/HAMILTON
 Pre-registration required with Joppa Flats,
 978.462.9998. Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$14.

Volunteer

Annual Big Clean

**Monday & Tuesday, May 17 & 18
 9AM – 4PM**
 NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239 x3012
 Please call in advance for information. **FREE.**

Monument Mountain Trails Day

Saturday, June 5 | 9AM – 12NOON
 MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, RT. 7,
 GT BARRINGTON 413.298.3239 x3020
 Please call in advance for information. **FREE**

PIONEER VALLEY

Sigelman Workdays

**Sunday April 25 & Saturday, May 15
 9AM – 1PM (RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 22)**
 LITTLE TOM RESERVATION, HOLYOKE
 413.532.1631 x13, PVREGION@TTOR.ORG
 Please pre-register.

Peaked Mountain Workday

Saturday, April 24 | 9AM – 1PM
 PEAKED MOUNTAIN RESERVATION, MONSON
 413.532.1631 x13; PVREGION@TTOR.ORG
 Please pre-register.

Happy Trails: DCR Trail Training

Saturday, May 22 | 8AM – 5PM
 ASHFIELD 413.268.8219
 Call for more information and to pre-register.

National Trails Day

Saturday June 4 | 9AM – 1PM
 LITTLE TOM RESERVATION, HOLYOKE
 413.532.1631 x13 PVREGION@TTOR.ORG
FREE Please pre-register.

CENTRAL

Tully Trail Stewards Training

Saturday, April 3 | 8:30AM – 12NOON
 TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON
 978.249.4957
FREE Please pre-register.

Rock House Spring Cleaning

Saturday, May 1 | 10AM – 1PM
 ROCK HOUSE RESERVATION, WEST BROOKFIELD
 978.840.4446 x1913
FREE Please pre-register.

Tully Lake Work to Camp Day

Saturday, May 8 | 8:30AM – 2PM
 TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON
 978.249.4957
 Earn a free night's stay when you volunteer!
FREE Please pre-register.

Andover/North Andover

978.921.1944 X8815

Plantings, Parties and Progress at The Stevens-Coolidge Place in 1922: Readings from the Coolidges' Diary

Walk-through of house:

Wednesday, June 9 | 6:30PM

Program in the Ballroom begins | 7PM

Please pre-register, as seating is limited.

Recommended for children 8 years and older.

Members: \$5. Nonmembers: \$8.

The Crane Estate

IPSWICH 978.356.4351

"B" Movies at an "A" Location:

The Crane Estate Film Festival

Each film: Members: \$8. Nonmembers: \$10.

Special package deal for all 3 movies: Members:

\$20. Nonmembers: \$25. Pre-register through

www.craneestate.org or 978.356.4351.

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

Friday, April 9 | 7PM

Rated PG-13, 100 minutes, 2009

The Witches of Eastwick

Saturday, April 10 | 3PM

Rated R, 121 minutes, 1987

The Next Karate Kid

Saturday, April 10 | 7PM

Rated PG, 107 minutes, 1994



Hot & Cold Behind-the-Scenes

Tour of the Great House

Saturday, April 10 | 10AM & 10:30AM

(1.5-HOUR TOUR)

978.921.1944 x4009

Please pre-register. Members: \$15. Nonmembers: \$20.

Spring Open House

Sunday, May 2 | 11AM - 5PM

FREE. Visit www.craneestate.org or call

978.356.4351 for more information.

Great House Tours

May 26 - October 11 (1-HOUR TOUR)

Wednesdays - Thursdays | 10AM - 3PM

Fridays - Saturdays | 10AM - 1PM

CASTLE HILL ON THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

978.921.1944 x4009

Tickets available at the gate. Recommended for

children 8 years and older. Members: FREE.

Nonmembers: Adult (18+) \$10; Child \$5.

Groups by appointment.

Castle Hill Landscape Tours

May 20 - October 9, Thursdays & Saturdays

10AM (1.5-HOUR TOUR)

CASTLE HILL ON THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

978.921.1944 x4009

Tickets available at the gate. Recommended for

children 8 years and older. Members: FREE.

Nonmembers: \$5. Self-guided walking tours available

(FREE) from the gatehouse during open hours.

2010 SummerQuest

AT THE CRANE ESTATE
IPSWICH, MA

SummerQuest 2010 Day Camp

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.356.4351 x4005

The Crane Estate's 2,100 spectacular acres are an incredible backdrop for outdoor learning, fun and adventure. Children ages 8 - 14 discover more about their local environment and themselves while exploring, observing, playing, swimming and kayaking. To register or for more information, call 978.356.4351 x4005 or visit us online at www.thetrustees.org/summerquest.

SummerQuest Day Camp

Open House

Saturday, April 3; Sunday, May 2;

Saturday, June 5 | 1 - 3PM

FREE. Please dress for the season.

A Taste of SummerQuest Camp

Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 | 3:30 - 5PM

For children ages 8 - 12. Register for one day or all four. Members \$5/Nonmembers \$8 per day.

Scholarships available.

The Long Hill Horticultural Center

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 x4018

Please pre-register for Horticultural

Center programs by calling 978.921.1944

x4018, emailing bzschau@ttor.org,

or registering online at

www.thetrustees.org/longhill.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Daffodil Day

Saturday, May 1 | 10 - 11:30AM

FREE.

19th Annual Long Hill Plant Sale

Saturday, May 22 (RAIN OR SHINE)

Members Only Preview: 9 - 10AM

Public Welcome: 10AM - 2PM

FREE. Volunteer opportunity.

WALK

Garden Tours: The Sedgwick's

Living Legacy

First Wednesdays, May 5 & June 2

10:30AM

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.

Please pre-register

Seaside Wedding Show: Where Simplicity Meets Elegance

Saturday, April 17 | 12NOON - 4PM

CASTLE HILL ON THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

See the beauty of the Great House, meet caterers,

sample fabulous food, see gowns and flowers,

and much more. Advance Tickets. Members: \$5.

Nonmembers: \$7. On-site Tickets: \$10.



FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Children's Garden Opening Day

Wednesday, May 18 | 3:30 – 5PM

Members: Child \$4. Nonmembers: Child \$5.
Accompanying adult FREE. Please pre-register.

Afternoons in Peter Rabbit's Garden

Tuesdays in June | 3:30 – 4:30PM

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.

The Flower Fields Program

**For Teens (Ages 15 – 17): Thursdays,
June, July, & August | 3:30 – 5PM**

Cape Ann Education Programs

CAPE ANN DISCOVERY CENTER AT
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER

Please pre-register: call 978.281.8400,
email capeanneducator@ttor.org, or
visit www.thetrustees.org.

Cape Ann Discovery Center at Ravenswood Park

**Open Weekends: Saturday | 10AM – 3PM;
Sunday | 12NOON – 3PM**

481 WESTERN AVE., GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Visit our Discovery Desk and Investigation
Station! Borrow a Discovery Detective Pack for
your journey. Join us for special programs, such as:

Creature Feature

Saturday, March 20 | 5:30 – 7:30PM

Pre-registration required. Members: Adult \$4.
Nonmembers: Adult \$5. All children FREE.

Project WET: Water Course for Educators: Teachers, Scout Leaders, and More

Thursday, April 22 | 6 – 9PM

Pre-registration required. Members: Adult \$25.
Nonmembers: Adult \$40.

Junior Conservationist: My Square Woods

**Afterschool Program: Five Thursdays,
May 6, 13, 20, 27 & June 3 | 9 – 11AM**

Pre-registration required. Five sessions:
Members: \$65. Nonmembers: \$75.

Wilderness to Special Place: The Story of Ravenswood Over the Centuries

**Second Sundays, March 14, April 11,
May 9,* June 13 | 1 – 3PM**

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400
Pre-Registration required. Members: FREE.
Nonmembers: Adult: \$5. *Mothers FREE today.

March Meander

Saturday, March 20 | 1 – 3PM

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Pre-registration required. Member FREE.

Nonmembers: Adult \$5.

Beginning Spring Birding

**Third Sundays, March 21, April 18,
May 16, & June 20* | 8 – 10AM**

HALIBUT POINT, ROCKPORT 978.281.8400

FREE to all. No registration. *Fathers FREE today.

Vernal Pool Exploration/ Certification Workshop

Saturday, April 17 | 1 – 3PM

AGASSIZ ROCK, MANCHESTER BY THE SEA
978.281.8400

Recommended for families. Pre-registration
required. Members: Adult \$8. Nonmembers:
Adult \$10. Children: FREE

Hermit's Tales on the Trails

Wednesday, April 21 | 2:30 – 4:30PM

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Recommended for families. Pre-registration
required. Members: Adult \$5. Nonmembers:
Adult \$8.

Celebrate Earth Day's 40th!

Thursday, April 22 | 10AM – 2PM

HALIBUT POINT, ROCKPORT 978.281.8400

FREE to all.

Lady's Slipper: Beauty & Botany

Thursday, May 20 | 6 – 7:30PM

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Recommended for ages 10 and up. Meet at
Ravenswood parking area. Members: FREE.
Nonmembers: \$5.

Saving the Sweetbay

Saturday, June 5 | 1 – 3PM

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Pre-registration required. Recommended for
ages 10 and up. Members: Adult \$8.
Nonmembers: Adult \$10.

Evening with the Herons

Thursday, June 17 | 6 – 8PM

COOLIDGE RESERVATION,
MANCHESTER BY THE SEA 978.281.8400

Members \$10. Nonmembers \$14.
Pre-registration required.

Wild Edibles Walk Workshop

Saturday, June 19 | 10AM – 1PM

CROWNINSHIELD ISLAND, MARBLEHEAD
978.281.8400

Co-sponsored with the New England Wildflower
Society. Members \$10. Nonmembers \$14.
Pre-registration required.

Volunteer

GREATER BOSTON

Down and Dirty Trail Project

**Third Saturdays, April 17, May 15, June 19
9AM – 3PM**

PROJECT LOCATION VARIES 508.785.0339
FREE. Call for locations.

Family Farm Hands

Friday, April 23 | 9 – 11AM

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
FREE

Charles River Cleanup

Saturday, April 24 | 9AM – 12NOON

WATERTOWN, NEEDHAM

Contact us at 508.785.0339 to sign up.

Wilson Mountain – Park Serve Day

Saturday, April 24 | 9AM – 3PM

WILSON MOUNTAIN, DEDHAM 508.785.0339
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Friends in the Fields

**Last Saturdays, May 29, June 26
1:30 – 4:30PM**

POWISSET FARM, DOVER 508.785.0339

For more information email Farm Manager
Meryl LaTronica at mlatronica@ttor.org.

NORTHEAST

SPRING BREAK YOUTH PROGRAMS

Farmhands

Tuesday, April 20 – Friday, April 23

9AM – 12NOON

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH, HAMILTON

978.356.5728 x15

Ages 13 – 17. FREE. Space is limited.

Cape Ann Conservation Crewhands

Saturday, April 17 – Sunday, April 25

9AM – 12NOON

CAPE ANN PROPERTIES, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Ages 14 – 16. FREE. Pre-registration required

Crane Conservation Crewhands

Tuesday, April 20 – Friday, April 23

9AM – 12NOON

THE CRANE ESTATE 978.356.4351 x4005

Ages 12 – 16. FREE. Pre-registration required.

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Woodcock Wanderings

Saturday, March 27 | 7 - 8PM
SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,
FALL RIVER S08.636.4693
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Salamander Soirée

TBD - Late March/Early April
7:30 - 9PM

FREETOWN FALL RIVER STATE FOREST
HEADQUARTERS, SLAB BRIDGE ROAD, ASSONET
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Native Pollinator Workshop

Saturday, April 24 | 1 - 3PM
WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT S08.636.4693
FREE.

Birding in the Bioreserve

Saturday, May 1 | 6 - 9AM
WATUPPA RESERVATION HEADQUARTERS,
2929 BLOSSOM RD, FALL RIVER S08.636.4693
FREE.

The Big Walk

Saturday, May 1 | 9AM - 4PM
WATUPPA RESERVATION HEADQUARTERS,
2929 BLOSSOM RD, FALL RIVER S08.636.4693
FREE.

East Over Bird Walk

Sunday, June 13 | 7 - 9AM
EAST OVER RESERVATION, ROCHESTER
S08.636.4693
FREE.

Summer Solstice by Candlelight

Friday, June 18 | 7 - 9PM
COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER S08.636.4693
FREE.

Town Farm Bird Walk

Sunday, June 20 | 7 - 9AM
WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT S08.636.4693
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Cape Cod & the Islands

Natural History Tour

**Daily, May through October | 9:30AM
& 1:30PM (TOUR DURATION: 2.5 HOURS)**
CORKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE,
NANTUCKET S08.228.6799
Members: Adult \$30; Child (12 and under) \$15.
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Fishing Discovery Tour*

Daily, Memorial Day - Columbus Day
8:30AM & 1:30PM (TOUR LASTS 4-HOURS)
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S08.627.3599
Members only: Adult \$60; Child (15 and under) \$25.

Cape Poge Natural History Tour*

Daily, Memorial Day - Columbus Day
9AM & 1:30PM (TOUR LASTS 3-HOURS)
CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK
S08.627.3599
Members: Adult \$30; Child (15 and under) \$15.
Nonmembers: Adult \$40; Child (15 and under) \$18.

Cape Poge Lighthouse Tour*

Daily, Memorial Day - Columbus Day
9:30AM, 12NOON, & 3PM
(TOUR LASTS 1.5-HOURS)
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Introduction to GPS Navigation Class
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Saturday, March 27 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS –
Participants meet at Turkey Hill

Saturday, June 12 | 9AM – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet
at Framingham REI

Introduction to Map & Compass Class
REI Members \$60; Nonmembers \$80

Saturday, May 1 | 9AM – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet
at Rocky Woods

Saturday, June 19 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS –
Participants meet at Turkey Hill

Introduction to Mountain Biking Class
REI Members \$65; Nonmembers \$85

Saturday, April 17 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS –
Participants meet at Hingham REI

Sunday, April 25 | 10AM – 4PM
Saturday, June 26 | 9AM – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet at
Framingham REI

Saturday, May 1 | 9AM – 3PM
WARD RESERVATION – Participants meet
at Framingham REI

Essential Camping Skills Class
REI Members \$40; Nonmembers \$60

Saturday, April 24 | 9AM – 3PM
SHATTUCK RESERVATION – Participants
meet at Reading REI

Saturday, May 15 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS –
Participants meet at Turkey Hill

Family Hike
REI Members \$10, children FREE;
Nonmembers \$30, children FREE

Saturday, May 8 | 10AM – 2PM
WEIR RIVER FARM – Participants meet
at Weir River Farm

Saturday, June 26 | 10AM – 2PM
WORLD'S END – Participants meet
at World's End

Digital Camera Field Trip Class
REI Members \$50; Nonmembers \$70

Sunday, May 9 | 9AM – 3PM
NOANET WOODLANDS – Participants
meet at Noanet Woodlands

Kayak Level 1
REI Members \$95; Nonmembers \$115

Saturday, June 12 | 9AM – 3PM
CHARLES RIVER PENINSULA – Participants
meet at Framingham REI

Sunday, June 27 | 10AM – 4PM
WORLD'S END – Participants meet
at Hingham REI

Kayak Level 2
REI Members \$95; Nonmembers \$115

Saturday, June 19 | 9AM – 3PM
CHARLES RIVER PENINSULA – Participants
meet at Framingham REI

Volunteer

**Earth Day Coastal Clean Up
and More!**

Friday, April 23 | 10AM – 12NOON
HALIBUT POINT &/OR COOLIDGE RESERVATION,
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Variety of time-shifts and
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CAPE ANN DISCOVERY CENTER
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400
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**Volunteer Shorebird Monitor
Information Session**

Thursday May 13 | 7 – 8PM
CRANE ESTATE, ISPWICH 978.356.4351 x4005
Young adults are welcome with adult
accompaniment. Call for information.

French Garden Frenzy Days!

Tuesday – Thursday, May 25 – 27
10AM – 12NOON
THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE,
NORTH ANDOVER 978.682.3580
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**Flower Hours, The Flower Fields
at Long Hill**

Thursdays, June, July, August | 9 – 11AM
LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 x4018
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SOUTHEAST

Community Garden Kick-off

Saturday, May 22 | 9AM – 12NOON
WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT
508.647.2115 x11
FREE to all.

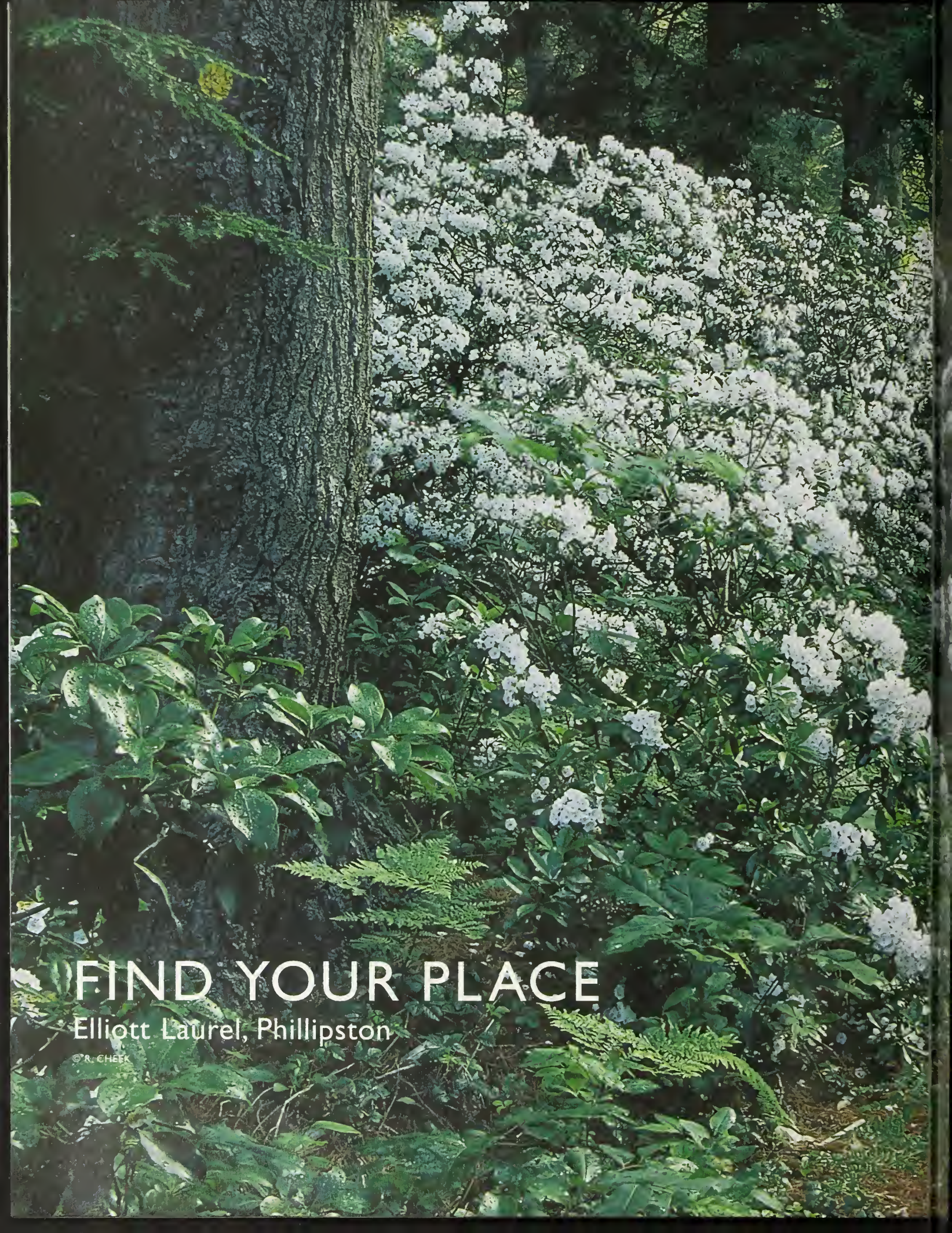
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Mytoi Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 1 | 9AM – 12NOON
MYTOI GARDENS CHAPPAQUIDDICK
FREE

Spring Beach Clean Up

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